DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

National Institute of Mental Health
Addiction Research Center
U.S. Public Health Service Hospital
Lexington, Kentucky

15 November 1960

184

(b)(3)

I am enclosing copy of a letter from Dr. Arthur S. Osborne concerning a sample of piper methysticum (Kava) which Dr. Osborne has forwarded to us. I don't have any information about this drug here at Lexington and am wondering if you know anything about it and if you have any interest in the material?

I, of course, cannot do anything with it here without further details on method of preparing an extract, and without data regarding animal toxicology and pharmacology.

I expect to come to Washington on 16 December 1960 for a meeting connected with the development of tests for narcotics in urine. Would you like for me to come in a day early (on the 15th) so we can discuss matters of mutual interest?

With kindest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Harris Isbell, M. D.
Director

hi:rn

Enclosure

B-332